

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR SALLY FOSTER!

FINAL, FINAL, FINAL ORDER DEADLINE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Thanks to everyone who has placed orders already. For those of you with your order forms still hanging around, you may still turn them in to your child's teacher or the office by THIS THURSDAY. There will be no more deadline extensions—this is your last chance to order these great products.

Prize winners will be announced soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@cox.net, 703-573-0146.

2. American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 27th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Mantua Elementary School Cafeteria
Junior Girl Scout Troop 2276's Bronze Award Project

To schedule an appointment to give blood please e-mail emily.bubeck@cox.net or

to schedule on line click

<http://www.membersforlife.org/rccm/mobilesch/login.php?sponsorcode=14555>

If you have questions please e-mail
moepass@cox.net

3. **Lunch Money** – Welcome to October! Did you add money to your child's cafeteria account? Life is a bit chaotic for all of us, especially first thing in the morning. If your student forgot their lunch or ran out of money during the month of September, this would be a great time to reimburse the office for any borrowed funds. By doing this, funds will be available for the next person who needs to borrow for a day. Thanks for your help.

4. Important Messages from the Office

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4:00 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend **both** parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

5. Parking in the Horner Court Cul-de-sac:

Beware! Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

6. Registration for the Mantua Basketball League is now open!!!

Please register your 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th or 6 th grader at <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/basketball.shtml> . Registration Forms were also sent home in Tuesday Folders. The deadline is October 16 so please don't delay – your child wants to be part of the fun!

7. Please continue to send in those membership envelopes for the Mantua PTA! With your support, the PTA has funded and contributed funds for computers, software, library resources, musical instruments, stage sound equipment, and cultural/educational assemblies. The PTA sponsors the basketball program, book fair, spring carnival, Mad Science, foreign and sign language programs, fine arts festival, and volunteer programs. The PTA also produces the Yearbook, a weekly Alert News, and the Mantua School directory. **All families with at least one PTA member receive a Mantua School directory.** Send in cash or write a check to “Mantua PTA” for \$14 for a family membership or \$7 for a single membership. Include “PTA Membership,” member(s) name(s), your child's name, and his/her class on the envelope. You may also mail your check to:

PTA Membership
9335 Tovito Drive
Fairfax, VA 22031
THANK YOU!
Donna Stelling McGrath, PTA Membership

8. Advertise in the Mantua Student Directory

Advertise your business in the Mantua Student Directory to be published in October. Half page ads run \$200 and whole page ads run \$400. We are also running a silent bid for the coveted back cover of the directory. Please contact Mary Townley for more information on advertising: metownley@aol.com

9. TAKE HOME READING PROGRAM

An informational meeting for all volunteers and others interested in volunteering for the Take Home Reading program is set of Thursday, October 4 at 11:00 am in the upper pod . It should only last 45 minutes. Take Home Reading will begin the week of October 8. Most classroom are still in need of volunteers, contact your class room teacher or Mary Townley: metownley@aol.com

10. A Message from Kaye Kory

Welcome Principal Jan-Marie Fernandez, PTA President Robert Green, and Mantua Elementary School families to a new school year.

I thank you for entrusting your most valuable possessions--your children--to Fairfax County Public Schools and assure you that your trust is well-placed. Mantua ES is one of the very best elementary schools in Fairfax County . Those of you who are returning parents know this full well. The parents of new students have an exciting academic discovery ahead.

I urge you to become involved in your children's education. Meet your child's teachers. Volunteer in the classroom. Join the PTA. All the research shows that students whose parents are actively participating in their education achieve at levels beyond those students whose parents do not do so. I hope to see you in the hallways of Mantua ES in the coming months.

Finally, although we are facing tough budget decisions this year, I know that the Mantua community deserves the resources necessary to continue to offer its exceptional educational experience to all of its students. I will continue to support the unique Mantua ES education which has served this community so very well over the past years.

Please call upon me to solve problems, bring up issues on your behalf, and to offer opportunities for Mantua 's voice to be heard in the larger FCPS community.

Sincerely,

Kaye Kory

*School Board Member
Mason District
571 423 1064*

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